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Dear Sirs, I am writing to urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. As a subscriber to xm radio it distresses me think that in a free market society, the NAB is trying to put xm out of business. This service is outstanding and as a long haul trucker it is the first time I have ever been able to operate my business with full confidence. The weather and traffic channel is providing service that the NAB does not even offer. For one thing, it is 24/7. The broadcast stations only focus on the rush hours. I can tune in a day before i arrive to see what long term road construction projects are in place, and weather at that moment. The day of arrival i can tune in before I am ever in normal range of the broadcast signal to see what traffic conditions are. This is a fee based service that I pay for just like cable tv. The broadcaster do not offer this complete service even if I was in signal range, because traffic and weather is only filler to normal broadcast shows. They do not interrupt normal broadcasts to update info. This is a vital service and should only be expanded not eliminated. Sincerely, George Demarest